GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Assessment of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are lakhs of fake Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) job cards in the country;

(b) if so, the details of estimated number of such cards and the steps taken to weed out such cards, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the number of active workers under MGNREGS have come down from 11.04 crores to 10.85 crores last year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is not able to make payments within a stipulated period of 15 days in spite of payments being made through bank accounts and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken made to improve payment percentage within stipulated 15 days from 47% to, at least, 75% in 2017-18?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State/UT-wise number of job cards deleted under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is at Annexure. The State Governments/UTs have been advised to get the registered households verified through Panchayat functionaries to ensure correctness in the database of the programme.

(c): State/UT-wise details of number of active workers under MGNREGA is given at Annexure. The State Governments/UTs have been advised to ensure that all MGNREGA job cards are complete in all respect and verified before being issued so that the chances of fake cards are reduced.

(d) &(e): State/UT-wise details of percentage of payment generated more than 15 days under MGNREGA is given at Annexure. The following efforts have been made by Government to reduce the delays in payment of wages to the MGNREGA workers:

â€¢ The Ministry has introduced e-FMS system. Under this system, the expenditure is done by making e-Payments towards wage, material and administrative expenses.

â€¢ The Government has started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 21 States and 1 UT for direct payment of wages into workers account during current FY.

â€¢ Dashboard to monitor pending FTOs at various levels.

â€¢ SMS alert are being pushed to field functionaries like GRS, Technical Assistant, Programme Officer, Digital Signatories etc. to enable the State Govt. in tracking the delays happening in each sub process till the time of generation of Fund Transfer Order (FTO).

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